

CLAIMS

1. An apparatus for generating entertainment data, comprising:

means for receiving terminal data from each of a plurality of entertainment terminal devices through a low-speed communication line; and

means for generating entertainment data including data necessary for each of the plurality of entertainment terminal devices to execute a predetermined entertainment process on the basis of the terminal data received from the plurality of entertainment terminal devices.

2. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

means for transmitting the entertainment data to a data delivery machine, the machine delivering the entertainment data to each of the plurality of entertainment terminal devices at the same time through a broadband broadcast communication line.

3. An apparatus for generating entertainment data, comprising:

a unit operable to receive terminal data from each of a plurality of entertainment terminal devices through a low-speed communication line; and

a unit operable to generate entertainment data including data necessary for each of the plurality of entertainment

terminal devices to execute a predetermined entertainment process on the basis of the terminal data received from the plurality of entertainment terminal devices.

4. A method for generating entertainment data, comprising:

receiving terminal data from each of a plurality of entertainment terminal devices through a low-speed communication line; and

generating entertainment data including data necessary for each of the plurality of entertainment terminal devices to execute a predetermined entertainment process on the basis of the terminal data received from the plurality of entertainment terminal devices.

5. The method according to claim 4, further comprising:

transmitting the entertainment data to a data delivery machine;

delivering the entertainment data from the machine to each of the plurality of entertainment terminal devices at the same time through a broadband broadcast communication line.

6. A specified entertainment terminal device, comprising:

means for selecting, from common data delivered to a plurality of entertainment terminal devices at the same time

through a broadband broadcast communication line, data necessary for the specified entertainment terminal device to execute a predetermined entertainment process;

means for executing the predetermined entertainment process on the basis of the selected data and operation input data obtained from an operation terminal; and

means for transmitting data generated as a result of executing the predetermined entertainment process to a low-speed communication line.

7. A specified entertainment terminal device, comprising:

a unit for selecting, from common data delivered to a plurality of entertainment terminal devices at the same time through a broadband broadcast communication line, data necessary for the specified entertainment terminal device to execute a predetermined entertainment process;

a unit for executing the predetermined entertainment process on the basis of the selected data and operation input data obtained from an operation terminal; and

a unit for transmitting data generated as a result of executing the predetermined entertainment process to a low-speed communication line.

8. A method for executing an entertainment process, comprising:

selecting, from common data delivered to a plurality of entertainment terminal devices at the same time through a broadband broadcast communication line, data necessary for executing a predetermined entertainment process;

executing the predetermined entertainment process on the basis of the selected data and operation input data obtained from an operation terminal; and

transmitting data generated as a result of executing the predetermined entertainment process to a low-speed communication line.

9. An entertainment system, comprising:

a plurality of entertainment terminal devices, each one of the entertainment terminal devices selecting, from common entertainment data delivered to the plurality of entertainment terminal devices at the same time through a broadband broadcast communication line, data necessary for the one of the entertainment terminal devices to execute a predetermined entertainment process on the basis of the selected data and operation input data obtained from an operation terminal, and then sending out terminal data generated as a result of executing the predetermined entertainment process to a low-speed communication line;

an entertainment data generation apparatus that receives the terminal data from the plurality of entertainment terminal devices through the low-speed communication line, and then generates entertainment data including data necessary for each

one of the entertainment terminal devices to execute the predetermined entertainment process on the basis of the terminal data received from the plurality of entertainment terminal devices; and

a data delivery machine for delivering the entertainment data to the plurality of entertainment terminal devices at the same time through the broadband broadcast communication line.

10. The system according to claim 9, wherein the data delivery machine includes a scrambling unit operable to scramble the entertainment data to be delivered.

11. The system according to claim 10, further comprising receivers for receiving the scrambled entertainment data from the data delivery machine, descrambling the entertainment data, and then sending the descrambled entertainment data to each one of the entertainment terminal devices.

12. The system according to claim 11, wherein the data delivery machine demands payment from the users of each one of the entertainment terminal devices that received the descrambled entertainment data.

13. A storage medium storing therein a processing program to be executed on a computer, the processing program

comprising:

receiving terminal data from each of a plurality of entertainment terminal devices through a low-speed communication line; and

generating entertainment data including data necessary for each of the plurality of entertainment terminal devices to execute a predetermined entertainment process on the basis of the terminal data received from the plurality of entertainment terminal devices.

14. The storage medium according to claim 13, wherein the processing program further comprises:

transmitting the entertainment data to a data delivery machine; and

delivering the entertainment data from the machine to each of the plurality of entertainment terminal devices at the same time through a broadband broadcast communication line.

15. A storage medium storing therein a processing program to be executed on a computer, the processing program comprising:

selecting, from common data delivered to a plurality of entertainment terminal devices at the same time through a broadband broadcast communication line, data necessary for executing a predetermined entertainment process;

executing the predetermined entertainment process on the basis of the selected data and operation input data obtained

from an operation terminal; and

transmitting data generated as a result of executing the  
predetermined entertainment process to a low-speed  
communication line.

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